# Ward 4

**News & Notes** 

April 16 - April 30



#### **ABOUT WARD 4**

Tucson's Ward 4 is represented by Council Member Shirley C. Scott. Shirley has represented the Ward since 1995 and is honored to continue serving the constituents of Ward 4 and the City of Tucson.



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## ABC's Are Important

11 deaths, including 5 Children ages 6 to 12 years-old, have resulted from 27 Water Related Incidents this year (childrensafetyzone.com) and we haven't even hit Summer time yet. The State of Arizona mandates the use of proper



pool barriers. But that doesn't mean that these barriers are enough. Tucson Fire Department (TFD) recommends following 3 simple steps, or your ABC's.

A: Have Active Adult Supervision. Simply means, watch your kids around water at ALL times. Don't read a magazine, don't text or answer the phone that is ringing inside your house. When your child is in the water, ignore the rest.

B: Your Barriers and your Fences should have locks on them and don't prop open the gate. Keep chairs and toys away from the fence. Kids like to climb, and they will climb over a fence. Install locks, chimes and alarms on exterior doors to prevent children from going outside WITHOUT your knowledge.

C: Take CPR Classes. From a young teenager to a grandparent, take a CPR class; you never know when that power of knowledge can help save a life. And parents take the kids for swimming lessons. It is never too early to learn how to swim.

The simple fact is drowning's occur suddenly and without warning. Don't think you will hear a splash or a cry, and most drowning victims are missing for less than five minutes. If you have a pool, if a family member or friend has a pool, please remember to watch your child and every child that is in or near water. To get more great information, resources, and even how to sign up for CPR classes, click on http://www.preventdrownings.org/drowning/ and lets have a safe and happy summer.

## Learn to Swim



There are swim lessons offered at City pools. Lessons are offered in four two-week sessions, with eight lessons per session during June and July. Swim lesson times and days vary by pool so make sure you

check the schedule at the pool of your choice. There are two steps to register. Step one, pay the swim lesson fee. There is a non-refundable \$15 registration fee per child/per session. Step two: enter the lottery. You will take your printed confirmation receipt to the pool location where you wish to take lessons. Lottery forms may be filled out during recreation and family swim times. To get registered, you can go on-line to www.EZEEreg.com or by phone at 573-3933. If you would like more information about this whole process, click on this link www.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec.

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## We Have Guests

Davis-Monthan (DM) will be hosting the Air National Guard F-16 Fighting Falcons from Texas, and A-10 Thunderbolt II from Michigan during the months of April and May. While here they will be conducting mandatory readiness and proficiency training in the optimal weather conditions and ample military training ranges of Southern Arizona.

The Twelve F-16's are scheduled to operate here April 6-18th and the ten A-10s are scheduled to operate April 23rd through May 17th.



### 162nd

We informed you last time about Mission Strong. We continue with that information with a few facts about the 162nd Fighter Wing, Arizona National Guard that is stationed right here in Tucson. The 162nd Fighter Wing (162FW) is



stationed at Tucson Air National Guard Base which is adjacent to the Tucson International Airport. The 162nd provides 2,947 jobs, \$280 million into the economy, \$108 million in payroll, and 1,702 direct jobs. Their main mission is education and flight training of International F-16 Fighting Falcon pilots. In addition to that, the wing performs air defense and homeland protection of the United States. In support of Operation Noble Eagle (ONE), America's homeland defense mission, Arizona Air National Guard Airmen and F-16s perform an Aerospace Control Alert mission 24 hours per day, 365 days per year, to respond to any airborne threat in the Southwest United States.

Now that's nice to know we have such protection here. If you would like to know more about the 162 FW, check out their website at <a href="https://www.nicea.org.">www.nicea.org.</a> would like to know more about Mission Strong, you can find them at <a href="https://www.missionstrongaz.org">www.missionstrongaz.org</a>.

#### **Unwanted Meds**

Have unwanted or unused medications? Well don't go flush them down the toilet or sink! That just poses a potential safety and health hazard, and who needs that! There is a better way, to



dispose of your unwanted or unused medications. The Tucson Police Department (TPD) and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency are partnering again to bring back the National Prescription Take-Back Initiative. The event takes place on Saturday, April 26, 2014, from 10am-2pm. This service is being provided for free, and is anonymous, which means no personal information will be collected from citizens turning over medication for disposal. There is no use in keeping these unwanted or unused medications. In fact, leaving these medications in your cabinets or sock drawer are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, or abuse. Studies have shown that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, and the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs is alarmingly high.

So head out two these two drop-off locations and get rid of the unwanted and unused medicine. It could possibly save a life.

- \* Tucson Police Department Eastside Service Center 9670 E. Golf Links (just east of Harrison Rd.)
- \* Westside Service Center 1310 W. Miracle Mile (northeast corner of Miracle Mile & Flowing Wells)

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## TCC & LEO

Make a New Friend Wed., April 23, 3pm/6:30pm, TCC Music Hall, 260 S. Church Ticket prices are \$52, \$32, \$27 & \$16. Tickets on sale at TCC Box Office. Everyone 1 year and older require a ticket.

April 26 - April 27, 2pm - 4pm, Leo Rich, 260 S. Church Everyone even babies need a ticket. Tickets are \$20.00 & \$18.00

Spark The Floor Sat., April 26, 6:30pm-9pm, TCC Music Hall, 260 S. Church Tickets are \$18 & \$15. discounts available for children 2-12.

For information about these events click on this link alendar or call 791-4101.

#### Water Awareness Month

As we continue through April, we continue to be water conscience since it is Water Awareness Month. If you happen to log onto http://wateruseitwisely.com/ you will find a button titled "100+ ways to conserve." They give some great tips like, #15: If you accidently drop ice cubes, don't throw them in the sink, drop them in a house plant instead. Or #137: If you have an evaporative cooler, direct the water drain to plants in your landscape. There are many helpful ideas on this site to help you conserve water. There is even a calendar with an idea of how you can conserve water every day for the month of April.

If you would rather as questions about water and conserving, then please join us on April, 17th at 6 pm for a presentation by Tucson Water. We will be meeting in the Clements Center - 8155 E. Poinciana Dr. We look forward to seeing you there.

#### **PCWIN**

Behind these doors, first responders and residents of Pima County have completed the work of a regional public safety communications system and emergency operations center. It's called PCWIN (Pima County Wireless Integrated Network).



Here are some project highlights; an effective digital radio system is now operating through a countywide service area, which supports the communications needs of 33 public agencies, 7 hospitals and 29 Pima County non-public safety departments. Shared use of the system ensures the region's emergency first responders will have real-time, on-demand interoperable communications with one another. There is also the benefit that it provides the lowest possible cost to individual users. Governed and operated under the terms of a multi-agency intergovernmental agreement, with member agencies proportionately sharing operating and maintenance expenses, the system will immediately provide service for 7,232 end user radios. The project also constructed 63,000 square foot Pima Emergency Communications & Operations Center which serves as a "nerve center." Funding from the project also made renovations to the City of Tucson dispatch facilities. The two dispatch facilities provide live backup support for continuity of operations if there are periods of 911 or dispatch service interruption at either facility.

# A Little Extra

Easter is one of the biggest holidays for consuming candy. In fact, if you exclude Halloween, Easter is the biggest candy consuming holiday with 120 million pounds of candy bought each year. For the holiday, 90 million chocolate bunnies, 91.4 billion eggs, and 700 million peeps are produced each year. Also: Americans consume 16 billion jelly beans on Easter. And speaking of chocolate bunnies, did you know 76 percent of people eat the ears of the bunny first, 5 percent eat the feet first and 4 percent eat the tail first? - Latin Times

# Coming Up...

Pima County Fair April 17 - April 27, 11300 S. Houghton Rd.

Food, stage concerts, carnival rides, and a whole lot of fun!

Tucson Food Truck Roundup: Civano Easter Egg Hunt Annual EGGstravaganza

Sat., April 19, 11am-2pm, 5301 S. Houghton Rd

Lunch is served at the Food Truck Roundup, featuring gourmet food trucks with delicious dishes from Tucson's mobile kitchens, including Haus of Brats, and Feature on the Fly, during the Civano Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt.

# Men's City Amateur 72-Hole Championships

April 26 - April 27 & May 3 -4, Various Locations & Times Deadline to enter is April 21st, so you have a few days left to enter the Championship, Handicap & Callaway flights. This year El Rio, Silverbell, Randolph and Dell Urich will be the location. If your interested go to

www.tucsoncitygolf.com/cityam.html or call 791-4161.

# M&C

The next Mayor and Council is scheduled for April 23, 2014. Now this is on a Wednesday due to Passover. Here are a few items that might be of interest to you:

- \* Submission of the Recommended Fiscal Year 2015 Budget
- \* Proposed ordinance allowing for streetcar fare enforcement, refining parking requirements, and
- \*Fiscal Year 2015 Transit Internal Savings and Revenue Opportunities
- \*Discussion of Proposed Greater Downtown Entertainment District

Study Session will begin at 12:30 pm. If you can't make it to the meeting, then you can stream it live at www.tucson12.tv. Please call the Ward 4 office if you have any questions or concerns.

# Road Work Update by MJ Dillard

Houghton, Irvington to Valencia:

As you may have noticed, the art piece is now on site. The concrete pad was poured and this week they are working on hooking up the lighting and getting the path through the art placed.

The Pima County Fair starts on the 17th, so we are keeping barricading to a minimum. We will have small areas blocked for the safety of landscapers that are out there installing plants, working on the reclaimed irrigation system, and generally cleaning up the weeds and preparing the site for the rock much and decomposed gravel that will come in and make everything look much better. The rock started coming in last week and will continue this week. We think you will like the new look once it is in.

We also want to let you know that the rubberized asphalt will start coming in on the 28th. This will take a few weeks to put down, and barricading will be back up for that process. We will place temporary striping back down, instead of barricading, as the asphalt has to set up for 30 days before the final thermoplastic reflective striping and reflective pavement markings can be placed. Once this is done, the project will be complete.

As always, let us know if you have any questions or concerns at mj.dillard@tucsonaz.gov.





## In the 411

Eastside Police Substation – 791-5700 9670 F. Golf Links

For additional information in regards to tickets or other departments within the Tucson Police Department log on to http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/police Transportation (TDOT) - 791-4259

201 N. Stone Ave. 5th Floor.

Got a question about construction, traffic, streets, graffiti removal, landscaping, stormwater, RTA or anything along these lines? Visit

http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/transportation to get more info.

Environmental Services - 791-3171

Information on trash, recycling, landfills, brush and bulky and even neighborhood cleanups is what you can find here. They even do Hazardous Household Waste Collections. Visit <a href="http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/es">http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/es</a> for more info.

Tucson Water - 791-4331

310 W. Alameda St.

Have questions on billing, water conservation, water quality or general service, then call the public info line or check out http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/water

William Clements Center - 791-5758 or 791-4730

8155 E. Poinciana

There is a lot happening here! Additional information, including calendar of events, go to http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec/clements

Miller-Golf Links Branch Library - 594-5355

9640 E. Golf Links Rd

Get info of scheduled events or what's currently happening at this library. Better yet go to www.library.pima.gov/locations/golflinks

Pima Council on Aging - 790-7262

8467 E. Broadway

This is a great place that offers programs and services to older adults and their families living in Pima County. Learn more about this great organization by going to www.pcoa.org

Code Enforcement - 791 - 5843

310 N. Commerce Park Loop

Chapter 16 and 3 fo the City Code is what they enforce. If you suspect property or housing violations within the City give them a buzz or go online for more information or to make a complaint at http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/hcd/code-enforcement

Graffiti Removal Program - 792 - 2489

If you see someone "tagging" call 911. If The graffiti is already there, then call the number above to report it. Check out <a href="http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/graffiti">http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/graffiti</a> for more information on removal or reporting.